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REMARKS

This amendment is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination.

Claims 1-23 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being unpatentable over Anuff. Applicants have amended claims 1, 13, 14, and 20.

Anuff describes a portal server and methods of creating a portal server web page. The methods are generally described in Section 3.4.1, "Layouts and Groups", beginning with paragraph 67, and Section 3.4.2, "Pages, Page Layout and Page Ordering".

Sanders discloses a proxy server, which does not serve the same functions as Applicants' intermediate server.

Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 13, 14, and 20 to further distinguish over Anuff and Sanders.

For example, with respect to claim 1, Anuff and Sanders fail to disclose

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providing local presentation information comprising data records associating each of a
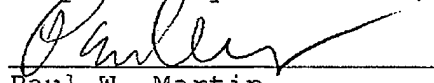
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plurality of presentation objects associated with items for sale at a second location remote from the first location with at least one of said identified groups by an intermediate server at the second location;

reading said default pattern along with accessing said group information and said local presentation information, filling-in said cells with a number of the presentation objects to produce a screen by the intermediate server; and

providing the screen to transaction computers at the second location by the intermediate server for display by the transaction computers during transactions involving the items for sale.

Applicants respectfully request that the pending claims be allowed.

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